S No	*Programmes*	*Units*	*Cumulative Achievement upto 31 12.1991*
17	Biomass Gasifiers	Nos	760
18	Biomass Stirling Engines	Nos	100

Modernisation of Steel Plants

1892 SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) how much money including foreign exchange, the country is loosing every year due to delay in modernisation of different Steel Plants, and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save such a huge amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) Schemes for modernisation of steel plants of SAIL are either under implementation (Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants) or in the process of consideration (Burnpur Steel Works of IISCO and Bokaro Steel Plants) Contracts awarded for major packages of work in modernisation of Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants provide for ceilings on neutralisation of cost escalations during the contract periods, strict penalities and similar other clauses so as to ensure that SAIL is not unduly burdened with cost of delays Government are alive to the need for expeditious clearance for and execution of schemes for modernisation of Bokaro and Burnpur Steel Plants and, accordingly, project proposals are being processed as fast as possible Besides, progress in implementation of schemes is being constantly reviewed/ monitored for taking effective and timely measures for ensuring that delays do not occur

Laying of Telephone Cables in Himachal Pradesh

1893 SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have executed a programme of laying and constructing of underground ducts for laying telephone cables in Himachal Pradesh in 1990,

(b) if so, the progress of their civil works made so far in each district, and

(c) the full details of contractors engaged in the completion of the works?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No Sir

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above

Construction of Post Offices buildings in Himachal Pradesh

1894 SHRI D D KHANORIA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to construct for Post Offices buildings in Himachal Pradesh,

(b) if so, the details thereof, distnctwise, and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?